

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Claims 49-56 are pending in the instant application. Claims 49-56 stand rejected on the ground of nonstatutory obviousness-type double-patenting as being unpatentable over claims 1-29 of United States Patent No. 6,696,040. The disclosure stands objected to because the priority information needed to be updated. None of the amendments constitute new matter in contravention of 35 U.S.C. §132. Reconsideration is respectfully submitted.

The disclosure stands objected to because the priority information needed to be updated. The specification has been amended to reflect the issuance of a priority application. Applicant respectfully submits that the objection stands obviated by this amendment. Withdrawal and reconsideration of the objection are respectfully requested.

Claims 49-56 stand rejected on the ground of nonstatutory obviousness-type double-patenting as being unpatentable over claims 1-29 of United States Patent No. 6,696,040. Applicant files herewith a Terminal Disclaimer over this reference. Applicant respectfully submits that the rejection stands obviated in view of this submission. Withdrawal and reconsideration of the objection are respectfully requested.

In view of the foregoing amendments and remarks, Applicant respectfully submits that the instant application, including claims 49-56, is in condition for allowance. Favorable action thereon is respectfully requested.

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Any questions with respect to the foregoing may be directed to Applicant's undersigned counsel at the telephone number below.

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